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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9974/50
Serial No. 09/515,860	Filing Date February 29, 2000	Examiner Not Assigned	Group Art Unit 2768
Inventor(s) Arganbright, et al			
Title of Invention ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS WITHIN A MARKETING SYSTEM THAT MAY CONTAIN A MEMBERSHIP BUYING OPPORTUNITY			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Preliminary Amendment; Check in the amount of \$18; Postcard receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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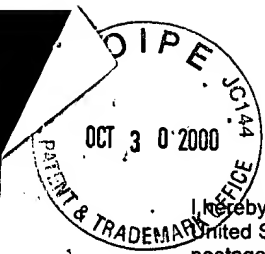
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In re Application of: )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the Claims:

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